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The reference cited on the attached form PTO/SB/08B is being called to the attention of the Examiner. Enclosed is a copy of a State Intellectual Property Office of China (SIPO) office action dated January 18, 2008 for the corresponding SIPO patent application CN2004-10043139.0. Please note that the SIPO examiner has cited US Pat. No. 5,729,405 and US Pat. Publication 2003/0090841 already of record in the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the cited reference be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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